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Mr. John T. Conway  
Executive Director  
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy  
Congress of the United States

Dear Mr. Conway:

This is in response to your letter of May 8, 1964, which enclosed a letter from Mr. Ataji L. Balos in regard to the problems of people in the Marshall Islands. This letter is identical to a letter dated April 13, 1964, to the President of the United States which was referred to the Commission for reply. The answer to that letter is enclosed.

The last nuclear explosion in the Marshall Islands area took place in August 1958. Your assumption that we are not contemplating its use even if atmospheric testing is resumed is correct.

It should be noted, however, that the area in which Eniwetok and Bikini Atolls are located is an impact area for the Pacific Missile Range. I understand that the Department of Defense has a continuing interest in this area which may preclude allowing the native population to return to these atolls for some time in the future.

If I can be of any further assistance to you in this matter, please let me know.

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Sincerely yours,

Signed:  
John V. Vinciguerra

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Enclosure:  
Cy ltr to Balos fm  
General Manager  
dated 5/1/64

M/R: The reference in the Balos letter to people of Eniwetok refers to the island in the Rongerik Atoll. His reference to Eniwetok Atoll refers to Eniwetok Atoll.

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